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Subject: Surrendering the Charter of VFW Post 12162 part 2

Importance: High

Good morning,

I'd like to add to my list of complaints and things that I feel should be investigated on behalf of Our Post is the fact that as of Dec 2018 we were still not a tax exempt entity r information was NEVER TURNED into the IRS until I questioned Mr Dan West and the Carlos Sausito (unsure if this is the right last name). I did however receive a reply email from Wyonda Lawrence the Texas VFW Secretary after Dec 2018 stating that VFW Post 12162 and others had been recently submitted to the IRS by Mr Dan West and an answer would be coming soon from the IRS. That being said we Chartered in Sept 2017 how many other post did this happen to I know one for sure and that was VFW Post 12172 Commander Lee Rivas Post. How we found out that we were not is from Lee Rivas because his post got denied grants due to Departments FAILURE to SUBMIT the proper paperwork to the appropriate people on behalf of the VFW Posts even over a year later.

Like I stated before the only thing I want is someone to finally listen to US as a Post. Investigate what is being done and how its being done. And the fact that we are a post of younger Veterans average age is roughly 50, and 23% female as well as the #1 Post in the Nation in 14 months, I think we deserve a chance.

1. Allegations of violating 214 I would like clarification on definition of immediate geographical area or community of the Post. I will add that several emails have went out to VFW Post 4853 Jourdanton Tx, 6970 Poteet, as well as 12041 Lytle Tx to sit and come to some agreement on AORs, with none wanting to discuss this. Copies of emails can be forwarded.
2. Why our Post and others were not turned in to the IRS as entities
3. Why are we being attacked so viciously by Department
4. Is this a harsh Political Move on the Part of Mr Dan West so that Steve Mueller cant run against him as state Quartermaster
5. I want each of you to watch the video that was taped By Andrew during our meeting on 14 Jan 2019 at 1900
6. Allegations of fraudulently entering Community Service hours during Hurricane in 2017 Harvey I think was its name? as any other post been questioned on the validity of community service hours ever after over a year
7. The Newest allegations of the craziest stuff I've ever heard of. Dated Feb 2019 and our accuser Mr Roy Grona who is not a member of our post a member of the administrative committee nor is he with the Department of Texas as of actually Dec but Mr West took his Office in Jan. Please ask for the Feb allegations or I can send them. If you can bring charges up on an individual for personal attack on a member I will be bringing Mr West up on charges of personally attacking me verbally and threatening me in our Jan meeting as well as Juan Preito for sexual harassment in 2017 in a public place in front of the Current VFW Post commander at 4853. I can get statements to the above allegations if needed as well as recording and a video of Mr West.
8. As for the mins not being turned in Mr West was advised of why and still proceeded with the Harassment. With the explanation that I could have rephrased my statement and he would of accepted that. All in the Charges when you get copies.

When you are as proactive in an Organization as we have been you just don't treat your people like we have been treated by the current leadership. Speaking on behalf of Our VFW Post, I cannot guarantee the rehiring of The Veterans

of Foreign Wars as our sponsoring entity. Our Community is behind us 100% we have not done anything but good for this area and we will prevail with or without The VFW franchise.

A formal apology and removal of current leadership would be accepted however, I still can't guarantee Our Post the rehiring of a organization that has failed us so miserably thus far.
My Commander Awards for membership are being held as to why is because we are suspended however we are suspended without due process

As I stated yesterday as a Post of the younger generation of Veterans you Bully one you Bully all. Removing the ones who started the post was not the problem the problem was the Department of Texas. Our generation is a different breed what you see if a very strong united VFW Post one team one fight. We give missions we complete them we go to the next objective. WE will not be separated even our Vietnam Veterans are 100% behind our Post.

As I understand the bylaws the Commander in Chief BJ Lawrence has ordered Conley try and fix this Post and Keep it opened. Which is perfectly acceptable We are the #1 Post in the Nation but without the current Members and the Leadership that was removed VFW Post 12162 will not succeed as it has since charter. We have already lost Members to other States due to this. We did make a motion to surrender the Charter it passed unanimously, we chose 4 Mar 2019 for final vote day with 2/3 vote is required. However it is my understanding as stated above BJ has requested something else, so if we were to have a meeting it would 11 March 2019 at 1900 at the Pleasanton Civic Center Pleasanton Texas. If no quorum is met Charter is automatically Surrendered.

I'm going to add my feelings now. All of this started as Petty Jealousy from a failing Post VFW Post 4853 which if you look was 2 years in a row All State and All American when Steve Mueller was Commander with membership of I do believe 120. At that point forward that post has Failed Statically and in the Community. As of Dec 2018 VFW Post 4853 still had Steve Mueller as Commander on their Facebook Page it has since been changed when confronted on Facebook, meaning that People in the local community see him as Commander of Both Posts. Most people in the area don't even know that they exist, however they will ride a skirt tail and let people think its them always in the paper when it's not has been us. The definition of "immediate geographical area" etc is not defined anywhere n the National Bylaws and in Departments Bylaws it states Borders of Texas. All of this show could have been prevented. Now Steve is again All State All American Commander with a Post he and I formed from the ground up. I'm saddened that one came into our home and has succeeded in destroying a Franchise. We Can move on and serve Our Community as We have been without even a hiccup, no one would notice.

We want to be heard by someone and treated fairly. I heard from a few that when you walk in a room full of VFW consider EVERYONE a Snake and that is what we have seen and come to believe. Truly sad

#WeareComunity
#VFWPost12162
#EliteNation
#OneTeamOneFight

REAL EYES REALIZE REAL LIES. Believe what you see not what you hear

Respectfully, any questions please call me I would love to talk again

Please follow up with me

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